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Sir :

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR § 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent No. 5,540,995 to Kitano et al.;

U.S. Patent No. 5,827,669 to Nakayama et al.;

U.S. Patent No. 5,897,953 to Ogawa et al.; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,040,196 to Mito et al..

Copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed. Each document is listed on the attached PTO-1449 form to permit the Examiner to indicate consideration thereof.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the documents cited above and to confirm such consideration by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the PTO-1449 form and

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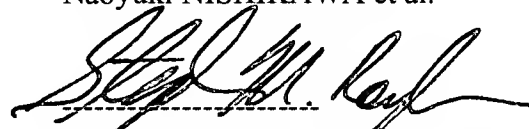
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returning a copy of the initialed form to Applicants.

Since this statement is being filed within three months of the application filing date, Applicants respectfully submit that no fee should be necessary for consideration of these documents. However, if the Office determines that a fee is necessary for consideration of these documents, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions regarding the above or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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